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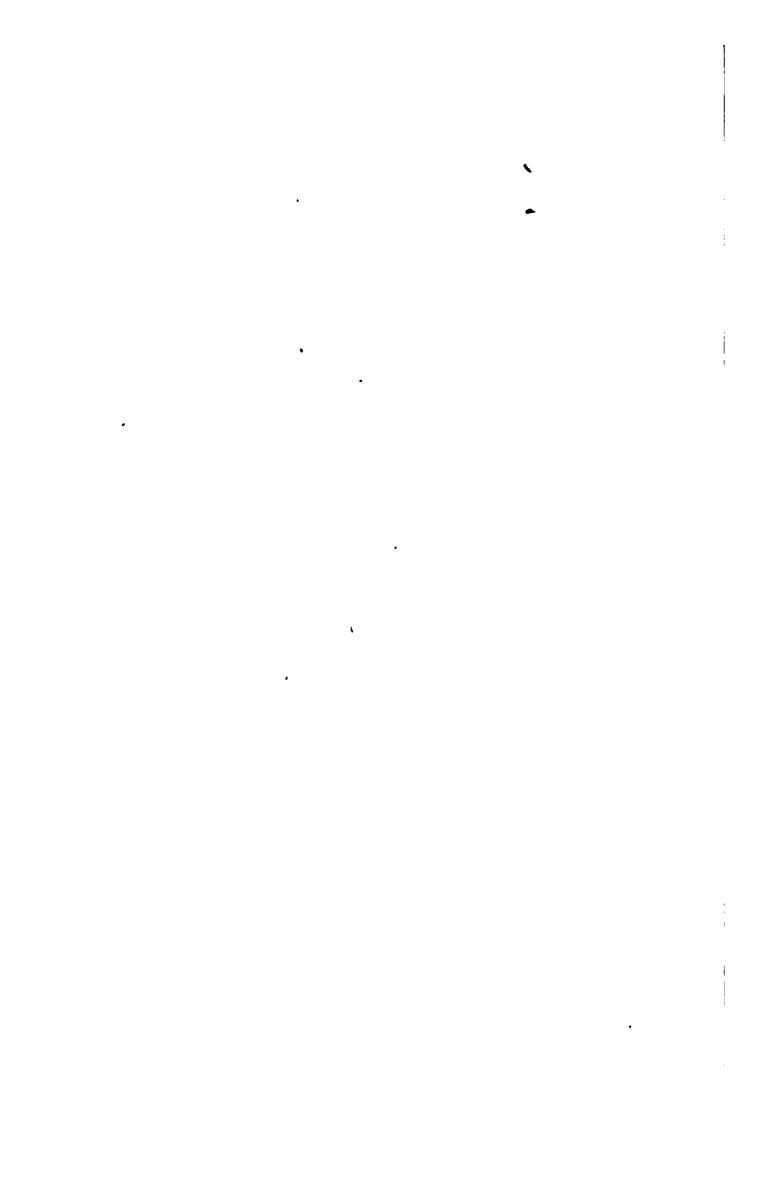
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SHORT PRAYERS FOR PRIVATE USE IN THE
BEGINNING OF THE DAY, AND ON OTHER
OCCASIONS.

When we first awake.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord my God, Who
turnest the shadow of death into the
morning, and renewest the face of the
earth.

“Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from
the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy coun-
tenance upon me.

AT OUR UPRISING.

¶ *To be said devoutly.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or this.

IN the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who was crucified for me, I arise from
my rest to do Him service. The Lord, by
His cross and passion, save me, bless me,
govern me and keep me this day, and for
ever. Amen.

“I laid me down, and slept, and rose up
again, for the Lord sustained me.”

WHILE DRESSING.

BLESSED Jesus, wash me thoroughly from
my wickedness, and cleanse me from my
sin. Make me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

BLESSED Jesus, clothe my soul in Thy
spotless robes of righteousness, and grant
me the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit,
that I may open my mouth with wisdom,
and in my tongue may be the law of kind-
ness. Amen.

Or this.

LET not mine adorning, O Lord, be the
outward adorning, but let it be the

hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in Thy sight, O Lord, of great price. Amen.

“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

¶ *The following prayers to be said, after being dressed, devoutly kneeling.*

O LORD, by Thy mercy I am risen up once more, when I might have slept the sleep of death, and I am fallen prostrate before Thee. Into Thy merciful hands, O Almighty God, I commend myself, my soul and my body, my thoughts, my words, and my works, and all my powers and faculties, beseeching Thee to be ever with me, to direct, sanctify, and govern me in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments, that, through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, I may be preserved both in body and soul, to serve Thee, the only true God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who art of great compassion, and long-suffering, and of Thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners that they may be saved, hear my prayer, and forgive me all my sins ; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I desire to confess all the evil that I have done in thought, in word, and in deed ; and to Thee, O Lord, would I turn with all my heart, that I may be saved in the mercies of Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Therefore, O Lord, I beseech Thee make me know Thy way, and be Thou with me in my going out, and my coming in, and in all that I may lay my hand unto. Amen.

O HOLY Jesus, Who early in the morning didst raise up Thyself from death to life for me, raise Thou me up, I most humbly beseech Thee, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Arise, O Thou Sun of righteousness, upon my darkened soul, and make me a child of light and of the day.

Let the light of Thy truth direct me, and Thy grace support me in the way to Light and life everlasting. Amen.

O LORD Jesu, I most humbly commit myself unto Thee ; do with me as seems best in Thine eyes ; only give me, I humbly beseech Thee, a penitent and a patient spirit. Give me grace to follow Thee always, and to submit myself reverently to all who are placed over me ; and keep me in Thy fear and love all the day long. Amen.

O LORD, make my service acceptable unto Thee while I live, and my soul ready for Thee when I die. And I beseech Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, by Thine agony and bloody sweat, Thy cross, and passion, and Thy most precious blood-shedding, have mercy on my poor soul, now and always, and especially at the hour of my death.

OUR Father, which art, &c.

The Lord bless me, and keep me : the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon me, and give me peace, this day and for ever. Amen. Amen.

ON GOING FORTH FROM THE CHAMBER.

Shew me Thy ways, O Lord, and teach me Thy paths.

O give Thine angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways.

Them that are meek Thou wilt guide in judgment; and such as are gentle, them wilt Thou learn Thy way. Oh, make me meek and gentle, and so guide me into all truth.

ON GOING TO THE CHAPEL.

I will go into Thy house, O Lord, in the multitude of Thy mercies; and in Thy fear will I worship towards Thy holy temple.

Oh! how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing, to enter into the courts of the Lord.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be always praising Thee.

Take away from me, I beseech Thee, O Lord, all my iniquities, that I may be purified in soul and body, and enter into the Holy of Holies.

PRAYERS ONE OR MORE OF WHICH MAY BE
SAID PRIVATELY IN CHAPEL, BEFORE THE
SERVICE.

O LORD, I am now in Thy awful Presence,
in the holy place of prayer : hear Thou
the voice of my humble petitions, when I
cry unto Thee ; when I hold up my hands
towards the mercy-seat of Thy holy Temple.
Amen.

TAKE from us, I beseech Thee, O Lord, all
our iniquities, that with clean hands and
pure hearts we may stand before Thee in
Thy holy place, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

INCLINE mercifully Thine ear, O Lord,
to the words of our prayer, and fill our
hearts with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit,
that, loving Thee with an eternal love, we
may be accepted in these our supplications
and praises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O THOU, Whom Cherubim and Seraphim
continually adore, the heavens and all
the powers therein, open Thou our mouths,

that we may shew forth Thy praise, and tell out the greatness of Thy holy Name, for to Thee is due all glory, honour, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, throughout all ages. Amen.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come unto me ; neither in me hast Thou a fit place wherein to dwell ; but, as Thou, O Lord, didst vouchsafe to be laid in the manger of brute beasts ;—as Thou didst not disdain to enter the house of Simon the leper ;—as Thou didst not reject the woman that was a sinner like unto me, when she approached and touched Thee, nor abhor her profane and impure lips ;—neither the thief on the cross, when he confessed Thee ; even so vouchsafe to admit me also, a bruised, a wretched, and exceedingly sinful creature, to kneel at Thy feet and to speak unto Thee, and to enter into holy participation of Thy grace and blessing ; O Lord, in mercy and pity, grant unto me these my petitions. Amen.

TAKE away from me all coldness, all wanderings of the eyes and of the thoughts ;

and fix my soul, hungering and thirsting after Thee, even after Thee, O my merciful Lord and Saviour, in this Thy holy service. Amen.

AFTER SERVICE.

O LORD, pardon the unworthiness of my soul in this my offering of prayer and praise : pardon me the faults of which I may have been guilty even in this very time of prayer, whether through busy thoughts, or wanderings of mind after vain desires ; and do Thou have mercy upon me, and fulfil all Thy loving-kindness in me, O God, my God, for my blessed Saviour's sake. Amen.

THE blessing of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, be ever with me, and rest upon me. The Lord be in my heart, and in my soul evermore, to cleanse, to renew, to guide, to rule, and to comfort me. Amen.

BLESSED Spirit, sanctify me wholly, that my whole spirit, and soul, and body, may become Thy temple ; O make me so pure

and holy, that Thou mayest indeed dwell in me, and be my God, and I may be Thy servant. Amen.

ON RETURNING FROM CHAPEL.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

I called unto Him with my mouth, and gave Him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

Praised be God, Who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned His mercy from me.

ON BEGINNING ANY KIND OF WORK.

The glorious majesty of the Lord my God be upon me, prosper Thou the work of my hands upon me: O prosper Thou my handy work.

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Make me to be thus, O good Lord, and give me diligence in serving Thee.

Whatsoever I do in word or deed, may I do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

ON TAKING FOOD.

Grant, Lord, that whether I eat or drink, or whatsoever I do, I may do all to Thy glory.

LORD, grant us grace to partake of these Thy creatures in all humility and heartfelt thanksgiving: teach us to remember how much this Thy bounty exceeds our deserts; put far from us all murmuring and discontent, and make us to feel for those who are destitute and suffer hunger, for our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

AFTER MEALS.

O ALMIGHTY God, we humbly thank Thee for what we have received, through Thy undeserved mercy. Bless this food to the health of our bodies and the refreshing of our souls; that so we may be enabled better to do the work which Thou hast appointed for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, let me hunger and thirst after Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof.

ON HEARING THE CLOCK STRIKE.

My time is in Thy hand, O Lord.

O teach me to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Lord, have mercy upon me now, and at the hour of my death.

ON ENTERING INTO CONVERSATION.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

Let the word of Christ dwell in me richly, in all wisdom.

By my words I shall be justified, and by my words I shall be condemned. O Lord, give me grace to remember this, that I may not sin against Thee and perish.

Lord, keep my tongue from evil, and my lips that they speak no guile.

Let the words of my mouth, and the

meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

ON BEING ALONE.

Thou, God, seest me.

Lord, I am not alone, because Thou art with me.

O Lord Jesu, Who didst retire into the mountain apart to pray, teach me to love to be alone, and bless me now with Thy presence.

Gracious God, shut out from my heart every thing that may offend Thee.

Repress Thou, by Thy mighty power, all my wandering thoughts, and break in pieces those temptations which violently assault me, and tread down Satan under my feet.

O, help me to do all things now as in Thy sight, as unto Thee, Who searchest the heart, my Lord and my God.

ON BEING IN SILENCE.

Sanctify, O merciful God, to me, this hour of silence and stillness.

Fight Thou for me, O Lord my God, against the enemies of my soul, and cast them down.

O Lord, command the stormy tempests of my ungoverned spirit, and produce in my soul a holy calm.

My soul is as a troubled sea which cannot rest ; O come, Lord Jesus, arise, speak peace unto me.

Let the dew of Thy grace descend gently upon me at this hour, and supply my dry and barren heart with waters which shall swell forth into streams of devout meditation.

Thou knowest, Lord, how I have sinned in my tongue, my many wicked and idle words, which have defiled my lips and provoked Thee to anger, for the tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison, and is set on fire of hell. Oh ! help me by Thy mighty grace to restrain it, and overcome.

Lead me to the garden of Gethsemane, there let me watch and pray that I enter not into temptation. Lead me to the judgment hall, there let me learn of Thee to be patient and silent amid Thy bitter sorrows. Lead me to Calvary, there let me look, until

I mourn ; look, until I love ; look on Him Who hath borne my griefs, and carried my sorrows.

Look on me, O Jesu, with that same eye with which Thou didst look on Peter ; let me, like him, remember my sin and weep, weep bitterly.

“For every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment.” Save me, Lord Jesus, in that awful hour.

ON READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

O Lord, open Thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

O Lord, teach me the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

O Spirit of Truth, guide me into all truth.

O GRACIOUS God, and most merciful Father, Who hast vouchsafed to us sinners the rich and precious gift of Thy holy word, assist us with Thy Spirit that it may

abide in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us, according to Thine own image ; to build us up into the perfect building of Thy Christ ; sanctifying us, and increasing in us all heavenly virtues ; Grant this, O Father of mercies, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

FOR PRESERVING SWEETNESS OF TEMPER.

O LORD Jesu, Who wast meek and lowly of heart, and didst bid me to learn of Thee, make me to be ever meek and lowly, as Thou art, that I may find rest unto my soul. *Amen.*

O LORD, Who didst teach me that he that humbleth himself shall be exalted, give me grace to humble myself even to the dust, and in heart to lie at the foot of Thy cross, and keep me in the hour of trial. *Amen.*

BLESSED Jesu, Who didst bear to be smitten on the cheek, and to be reviled, and yet didst bless Thine enemies, give me grace to be like unto Thee, and under all trials to be gentle, as Thou wast. *Amen.*

FOR PRESERVING A DILIGENT SPIRIT.

O THOU, Who hadst not where to lay Thy head, take from me the deadly sins of luxury and sloth.

O LORD Jesu, Who didst shun no labour, but, often wearied with labour, didst suffer hunger, and thirst, and every hardship for my sake, and didst often pass the night in prayer, drive away from my heart and my body all sluggishness, that I may be quick and ready to serve Thee; that my soul may not slumber through heaviness, but that I may run the way of Thy commandments, and not be cast away from Thee.

Kindle within me, O God, the fire of Thy love; strengthen my weakness, that being made strong in Thee, I may endeavour to work out my own salvation, through Thee, O blessed Jesus.

Whatever my hands find to do, may I do it earnestly, that I may please Thee, and that Thou mayest be my exceeding great reward, my Lord, and my God.

FOR PRESERVING AN OBEDIENT SPIRIT.

O BLESSED Saviour, Thou didst leave me a wonderful example of obedience and humility, for Thou wert subject to Thy parents, and to the law of man, even to the death of the cross, and didst become a servant to Thy own creatures. O give unto me grace and obedience to submit myself willingly to all who are set over me, and to respect them for Thy sake.

Suffer not the least thought of pride to remain in me ; but quench in me all haughtiness of spirit, and all inordinate love and conceit of myself, and be merciful unto me. Amen.

ON TEMPTATIONS ARISING.

Jesu, have mercy upon me.

O Christ, save me. Bid the tempter depart from me.

O BLESSED Spirit of Purity, quench in me this wicked thought. Crucify my flesh, and the lusts thereof. Fill me with Thy love.

THOU, Lord Jesu, wert tempted like as I am, yet without sin, Oh! help me now in the fiery trial. Fight Thou for me, O my God. Have pity on my frail heart.

O MERCIFUL God, grant to me always constancy in my faith, and stedfastness in Thy love, that I may abide with Thee through all temptations, and so endure unto the end, that I may be saved for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER, WHICH MAY BE SAID ON PASSING ANY ONE, OR, WHEN IN COMPANY, FOR ALL PRESENT.

BLESS, O heavenly Father, this Thy servant (or these Thy servants) with Thy grace and peace. Teach us to love one another, for Thy sake, as Thou hast loved us. Teach us, O Jesu, to give up, one to another, as Thou didst give up even Thy own life for us. When we lie down in our graves, may we rest together in Thee. When we rise together, to stand face to face before Thee in the Judgment, have mercy on us, O Lord, and save both me and her, (or them).

A SHORT PRAYER THAT MAY BE SAID
FREQUENTLY.

O BLESSED Jesu, grant us the gift of Thy holy love, the pardon of all our sins, and grace to persevere unto the end. Amen.

¶ *Likewise the following verses.*

I have gone astray, like a sheep that was lost, O seek me, blessed Jesus, for Thou didst come to seek and to save that which was lost.

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Cleanse Thou me from my secret faults, and keep me from presumptuous sins.

ASPIRATIONS AFTER A HOLY AND HAPPY
DEATH.

May I die the death of the righteous, and may my last end be like his.

Oh! make me ready for Thy appearing; and then come, even so come, Lord Jesus.

May I at last rest in peace, in Thee, O my Lord, and arise to a blessed resurrection.

"To die is gain." Grant, Lord, that I may so live, that to die may be indeed gain to me.

Early Morning Prayer.

¶ *Let all kneel in silence, and each pray privately for a short space.*

¶ *Then all standing, the Reader shall say, and the rest answer, as follows.*

IN the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now, henceforth, and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord ;

Who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord ;

Henceforth, world without end.

O Lord, our Governour, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world.

Thou that hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power.

For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created.

Thou, that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Our misdeeds prevail against us, O be Thou merciful unto our sins.

¶ *Then shall the Reader say,*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O LORD, we, miserable sinners, most humbly draw near unto Thee, remembering our many and grievous offences. We confess to Thee that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. That all the sins, offences, and neglects of the days already gone be freely pardoned, and entirely done away, through the precious blood of Thy dear Son,

Grant, O good Lord.

Blot out, O Lord, our transgressions, and as a thick cloud our sins. *Amen.*

¶ *On Fridays only shall be added,*

Blessed be Thou, my God and my Saviour, for the holy and bitter sufferings of this day.

May that precious blood, as on this day shed, cleanse us from all our sins. Amen, Amen.

THE Almighty and merciful God grant unto us pardon, and remission of all our sins, and bring us safe to life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Priest be present, he shall then say,*

THE Almighty and merciful God, who hath given His Son Jesus Christ, to be the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of the whole world, grant to you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, &c.

MOST gracious God, we render Thee all glory and praise for the rest which Thou hast mercifully given to us this night, and now that Thou hast added to the number of our days, that this and every day may be

employed by us in doing Thy will, in health, and peace, and innocence,

*Grant, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.*

O Lord, open Thou our lips,
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *Then shall all rise up.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said, or sung, such Psalms as the
Reader shall appoint, the Reader first saying,*

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then may be read a Lesson.*

¶ *After which all shall rise and say,*

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then the Reader shall say, and the rest answer,*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in
the way.

And walk in the law of the Lord.

Make us to go in the path of Thy commandments.

For therein is our desire.

¶ *Then may be sung the hymn following, or any other that the Reader may appoint.*

The star of morn to night succeeds,
We therefore meekly pray,
May God in all our words and deeds,
Keep us from harm this day.

May He in love restrain us still
From tones of strife and words of ill,
And wrap around and close our eyes
To earth's absorbing vanities.

May wrath and thoughts that gender shame,
Ne'er in our hearts abide,
And may Thy Holy Spirit tame
Of wanton flesh the pride.

So when the weary day is o'er,
And night and stillness come once more,
Blameless and clean from earth's alloy,
We may repeat with reverent joy ;

Praise to the Father, as is meet,
 Praise to the only Son,
 Praise to the Holy Paraclete,
 While endless ages run.

¶ *Then these prayers following, or such of them
 as may be selected, the Reader first saying, and
 the rest answering,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living
 God,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou that didst arise very early from
 Thy empty tomb,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of the
 Father*,

Grant us Thy peace.

* Instead of "Thou that sittest" &c. shall be said,
 During *Advent*,—Thou that art now coming into the
 world.

From *Christmas to Epiphany*,—Thou that wast born of
 the Virgin Mary.

During *Epiphany*,—Thou that wast manifested for us
 as at this time.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, to grant unto us that we may henceforth walk as children of the light, soberly, purely, and honestly, as in the day; and this day, O Lord, in particular, vouchsafe to keep us without sin, upholding us when we are about to fall; and free us from all danger, both of soul and body, for Thy tender mercies' sake, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given Thine only Son, our Saviour, to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, give us grace to learn of Him, Who was meek and lowly of heart, and to put on all humility and long-suffering; and so help us this day, that in patience and gentleness of heart, and in godly quietness, we may endure all things, and follow Him,

During Lent,—Thou that wast tempted for our sake in the wilderness.

In Passion week,—Thou that didst hang for us on the tree.

In Easter week,—Thou that art risen from the dead.

From the First Sunday after Easter to Ascension day,—Thou that art alive for evermore.

From Ascension day to Whitsunday,—Thou that art ascended above the stars.

From Whitsunday to Trinity Sunday,—Thou that didst send down Thy gifts even upon Thine enemies.

Who for our sakes endured even unto the death of the cross, and now ever liveth to make intercession for us. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, Who alone art high, and to be feared, so guide and strengthen us, we beseech Thee, that we may not stray from Thy commandments, but fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom, that we may be obedient to Thy holy will in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, our merciful High Priest, Who wast holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners, Who camest to call sinners to repentance, mercifully look upon our weakness ; make us clean hearts, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us ; and grant, that honouring our bodies, as the temples of the Holy Ghost, we may take heed that we defile them not, but that evermore walking in the Spirit, we may, through Thy grace, crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts.

Lord, Thou knowest all our desire, and our groaning is not hid from Thee.

GRANT us, O Lord, a holy soul, an undefiled body, pure thoughts, and orderly desires, and since if Thou wilt Thou canst make us whole, Lord renew every part of us, and say, I will, be thou all over clean.

*Shew us the light of Thy countenance,
and we shall be whole.*

O GOD, Who hast commanded us that we should all work with our hands the thing that is good, grant that we may diligently do our duty in the work appointed for us, and that, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, we may have grace and strength this day and evermore, to resist all our temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*O God, even our own God, give us Thy blessing, and receive our supplications.
Amen.*

GIVE to us, O blessed Spirit, a sense of Thy divine succour. Bestow on us a constant faith, a sure and well-grounded hope, and a fervent love; give us true contrition, contempt of the world, conquest over our sins and evil passions; mortification of

our self-will, and a zealous obedience to Thy most holy will, final perseverance unto the end, and a holy and happy death, without sin and shame, and if it please Thee, without pain ; Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord, our God, be Thou our guide even unto death.

O GOD, under Whose defence and providence Thy people dwell in safety, accept, we beseech Thee, our sacrifice of praise and supplication, and look graciously upon this Thy family, that we may abide in peace and gladness under the shadow of Thy wings. Set a watch before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips ; turn away our eyes, that they behold not vanity, and open our ears only to the words of truth and love. Let not our hearts be inclined to any evil thing, and order our steps in Thy word, that walking honestly as in the day, in the path of Thy commandments, we may live to the honour and glory of Thy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with

Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth, one God, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits, our souls, and bodies, for Thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord God Almighty. *Amen.*

And together with ourselves, all our relations, our friends, our benefactors, and all that belong to us, especially any who are in distress, sickness, or temptation ;

PRESERVE us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all evil ; yea, do even Thou preserve our souls, and may they be presented holy and without blame, before Thy Majesty, in the day of the Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

The Lord direct our hearts and bodies in the love of God, and the patient waiting for Christ.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon :

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

MAY Thy heavenly blessing, O Lord, rest on this house and family, and do Thou order all our ways, this and every day, in Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

¶ *Or, if a Priest be present, he shall say,*

THE Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Third Hour.

(9 A.M.)

OUR Father, which art in heaven, &c.

O THOU, Who at the third hour didst send
down the Holy Ghost upon Thine Apostles,
take not away that same Spirit from us ;

*But renew Him daily in our hearts and
save us.*

Open Thou our lips, O Lord.

*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy
praise.*

O God, make speed to save us,

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following hymn.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Who ever one,

Art with the Father, and the Son ;

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess,

With Thy full flood of holiness.

Let mouth, and heart, and flesh combine,
To herald forth our creed divine ;
And love so wrap our mortal frame,
Others may catch the living flame.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son ;
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One. Amen.

Or this,

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire ;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love :
Enable with perpetual light,
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace ;
Keep far our foes ; give peace at home,
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of both to be but One,
That through the ages all along,
This still may be our endless song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then shall be read the following text, or any other the Reader may appoint.*

God is love, and whosoever dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Incline my heart, O God, to Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

O turn away our eyes lest they behold vanity, and quicken Thou us in Thy way.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling,*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who about this hour didst instruct and replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants by sending upon them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also

may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was also at this hour contented to receive the bitter sentence of death for us, and now liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same blessed Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Comforter Who proceedeth from Thee may enlighten our minds, and according to Thy Son's promise lead us into all truth; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remove far from us, O Lord, thoughts that are without understanding, and inspire us with such as are wise, and good, and well pleasing in Thy sight. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of all divine graces, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of baptism, thereby receiving us into the number of Thy children and making us heirs of everlasting life,

in the communion of Thy glorious saints, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with that blessed Spirit of Thine, the ghostly Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, even through Him, who sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun, to the going down of the same.

The Lord be our keeper: the Lord be our defence on our right hand. The Lord preserve us from all evil, and set a watch over our souls: the Lord preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

MAY Thy blessing rest upon us, and Thy gracious Presence evermore abide with us. *Amen.*

The Sixth Hour.

(12 o'clock.)

OUR Father, which art in heaven, &c.

O THOU, Who at the sixth hour didst nail
the sins of the world to the same cross
with Thyself,

*Blot out the hand-writing of offences that
is against us, and save us.*

Open Thou our lips, O Lord.

*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy
praise.*

O God, make speed to save us,

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

¶ *Then shall be sung the hymn following, or any
other that the Reader may appoint.*

O God, the Lord of place and time,
Who orderest all things prudently,

Brightening with beams the opening prime,
And burning in the midday sky,

Quench Thou the fires of hate and strife,
The wasting fever of the heart,
From perils guard our feeble life,
And to our souls Thy peace impart.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the following text, or any other that the Reader may appoint.*

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord ; O teach us Thy statutes.

Open Thou our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

Teach us, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and we shall keep it unto the end.

Give us understanding, and we shall keep Thy law : yea, we shall keep it with our whole heart.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, the blessed Son of God, Who hast suffered death on the cross for us, that we might be brought to eternal life, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of death, and grant to us Thy humble servants, and to all Thy people that have this Thy blessed passion in devout remembrance, a prosperous and godly life in this present world, and, through Thy grace, eternal glory in the life to come, where with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, the only Son of God, Who wast given both to be a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, Who didst bid us take up our cross daily and follow Thee, make, we pray Thee, the yoke of Thy commandments sweet, and the burden of Thy cross light unto our souls. Conform Thy servants, O Lord, to the likeness of Thy passion. Give us grace, O eternal Father, that we may strive to keep the way of the holy cross, and carry in our

hearts the image of Jesus crucified. Make us cheerfully resign ourselves to Thy divine will, that, being fashioned after His life-giving death, we may die according to the flesh, and live according to the spirit of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

Save us and help us, we most humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to Thee, O God.

The Lord's name be praised,

From the rising up of the sun, to the going down of the same.

THE Lord be our keeper ; the Lord be our defence on our right hand. The Lord preserve us from all evil, and set a watch over our souls. The Lord preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

MAY Thy blessing rest upon us, and Thy gracious Presence evermore abide with us. *Amen.*

Ninth Hour.

(3 P.M.)

¶ *First, let all kneel in silence, and each pray privately for a short space.*

¶ *Then shall all make confession, the Reader saying, and the rest answering, as follows.*

LET us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

O LORD, the great and holy God, keeping covenant and mercy with them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity; we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments.

We confess, O Lord, we confess our sins unto Thee; O be Thou merciful to us sinners.

LORD, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive us what is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives ; to turn away from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee, now and evermore.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Thou, Who at the ninth hour, for us sinners and for our sins didst taste death, mortify our members which are upon the earth, and whatsoever is contrary to Thy holy will, and save us.

We most humbly beseech Thee to hear us, and save us, good Lord.

THE Almighty and merciful God grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. *Amen.*

¶ *If the Priest be present, he shall say,*

THE Almighty and merciful God, Who hath given His Son Jesus Christ, to be the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of the whole world, grant to you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, &c.

- Turn Thou us, O Lord our Saviour,
And let Thine anger cease from us.

Turn Thee unto us, O Lord, and have
mercy upon us.

*Teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee,
for Thou art our God.*

Incline our hearts to Thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth ;
And keep the door of our lips.

Cleanse us, O Lord, from our secret faults,
*And keep Thy servants from presumptuous
sins.*

Order our steps in Thy word.

*And so shall no wickedness have domi-
nion over us.*

O Christ, Son of the Living God,
Have mercy upon us.

Thou, that takest away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God, make speed to save us,

O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *Here all standing up, the Reader shall say, and the rest answer, as follows.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the beginning, &c.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then may be said or sung such Psalms as the Reader shall appoint.*

¶ *Then may be read a Lesson.*

¶ *Then shall all stand up and say,*

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

O Lord, Thy word endureth for ever in heaven,

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another.

Blessed are the pure in heart ;

For they shall see God.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies.

And seek Him with their whole heart.
Amen.

¶ *After which may be sung the Hymn following, or any other that may be appointed.*

O God, unchangeable and true,
Of all the life and power,
Dispersing light and silence through
Every successive hour,

Lord, brighten our declining day,
That it may never wane,
Till death, when all things else decay,
Brings back the morn again.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read the following text, or any other the Reader may select.*

Ye are bought with a price, therefore
glorify God in your body and your spirit,
which are God's.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling, these prayers following, or such of them as may be selected; the Reader first saying, and the rest answering;*
The Lord be with you,
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy cross
and precious blood hast redeemed us,

*Save us, and help us, we most humbly be-
seech Thee, O Lord.*

HEAR us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and
remember now the hour when Thou didst
once commend Thy blessed Spirit into the
hands of Thy heavenly Father, when, with a
torn body and a bleeding heart, Thou didst
shew forth Thy most tender mercy and die
for us. We beseech Thee, O Thou Brightness
and Image of God, so to assist us with Thy
grace, that, being dead unto sin, we may live
only unto Thee, and at the last hour of our
departing from this mortal life, we may
commend our souls into Thy hand, and
Thou mayest receive us into life immortal,
there to reign with Thee, for ever and ever.
Amen.

O GOD, Who dost purify Thine elect and purge them, as gold and silver, that they may offer unto Thee an offering in righteousness, purify our hearts and reins, we beseech Thee, with the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may henceforth serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a pure mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GIVE unto us, O most blessed Spirit, a wise, a sober, a patient understanding, a devout, a religious, a humble heart ; chaste and temperate reins and thoughts ; a soul full of devotion to do Thee service, and strength against all temptations, that so, in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may glorify Thy most holy name, through our most gracious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us ; Lord, be Thou our helper.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all them who seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things that are needful to

their bodies, keep us we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and teach us, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content. Give us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, now and for ever.

O GOD, our Saviour, Who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness, so fill our hearts we beseech Thee with Thy love and holy fear, that Thy most blessed Name be never more blasphemed through our sinful lives, but by the virtue and merit of Thy passion, and the power of Thy Holy Spirit, give us true and abiding sorrow for our past sins, and such strength to serve Thee evermore, that walking henceforth in Thy holy ways, we may persevere in good works even unto the end, for unto Thee, O Lord, we desire to live, and in Thee to die.

Show us Thy marvellous loving-kindness,

O Lord, Thou that art the Saviour of all that put their trust in Thee.

O LORD, our God, give us hearts full of love and compassion to all men, that we may sympathize with them in their afflictions, and feel their calamities as our own; that we may bear with all their infirmities, and cheerfully relieve to the utmost of our power all their necessities. O cleanse our souls from all evil passions and desires, that they may rise up to Thee, and cleave to Thee with the purest love. Grant it we beseech Thee, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O GOOD Shepherd of the sheep, guide us and feed us, and nothing shall be wanting to us, in the place of the pasture where Thou hast folded us, until we be brought to the pasture of eternal life;

For Thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: our lips shall praise Thee.

BEHOLD, O Lord, we commend into Thy hands, ourselves, our souls and bodies; all our relations and friends, all our bene-

factors ; all sick, destitute, and afflicted, and all who are drawing near unto death. We pray for mercy upon all who are tempted, all who are fallen ; and grant that we may all find mercy and favour at Thy hands, in turning us from our iniquities, and supplying all our wants, through Him Who died for us, and washed us in His own blood, and now ever liveth to make intercession for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy Providence, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory, and honour, and thanksgiving, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW unto Him, Who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, thanksgiving and honour, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Priest be present, let him say,*

MAY the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Evensong.

(6 P.M.)

OUR Father, which art in heaven, &c.

OTHOU, Who in the evening didst institute the mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, and after Thy death wast laid in Thy sepulchre ; grant that, our sins being buried with Thee, we may daily rise to newness of life, and be worthy partakers of Thy holy mysteries ;

*Grant this, we most humbly beseech Thee,
O Lord.*

Open Thou our lips, O Lord,
*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy
praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ *Then shall be sung the hymn following, or any other that the Reader may appoint.*

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Lord of all,
Vouchsafe to hear us when we call ;
And now to us propitious be,
Who in our prayer do bow to Thee,
Still to be kept from misery.

Great Ruler of the day and night,
On our darkness cast Thy light ;
And let Thy passion pardon win,
For what we have offended in,
Or thought, or deed, or word of sin.

And as Thy mercy wipes away
What we have done amiss to-day,
So now the night returns again,
Our bodies and our souls refrain,
From being soiled with sinful stain.

Let not dull sleep oppress our eyes,
Nor us the enemy surprise ;
Nor fearful dreams our minds affright,
While yet the darkness of the night
Holds from our eyes the cheerful light.

To Thee, Who dost by rest renew
Our wearied strength, we humbly sue,
That, when we shall uncloseth our eyes,
We may both pure and chaste arise,
To make our morning sacrifice.

Honour, Lord, to Thee be done,
O Thou blessed Virgin's Son,
With the Father and the Spirit,
As is Thine eternal merit,
Ever and ever to inherit. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the following text, or any other the Reader may select.*

Blessed be God, even the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies,
who comforteth us in all our tribulations.

Let our prayer, O Lord, be set forth in
Thy sight, as the incense,
*And the lifting up of our hands, as the
evening sacrifice.*

Thou that makest the outgoings of the
morning and evening to praise Thee ;

*Let Thy merciful kindness be ever more
and more towards us.*

Abide with us, O Lord, our Saviour,
For the time is far spent.

Yea, the shadows of the evening are
stretched out,

And the day is declining upon us.

Let Thy strength be made perfect,

In our weakness :

For as the day is,

So life is near its end.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be shewed upon
us,

Like as we do put our trust in Thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty
and everlasting God, by Whose providence
both the day and night are governed,
vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, as Thou hast
this day preserved us by Thy goodness, so
still this night to shelter us beneath the
shadow of Thy wings, that the powers of
darkness may not hurt us ; that we may be
preserved from all adversities, which may
happen to the body, and from all evil
thoughts which may assault and hurt the
soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU, that art the Light eternal, and the Sun of righteousness, evermore arising and never going down, giving life and food and gladness unto all things, mercifully shine evermore upon us, and vouchsafe to cast Thy blessed beams upon the darkness of our understandings, that we may walk in the light of Thy truth, and may at length attain unto the light of everlasting life, through Thy merits, O blessed Jesus, Who didst die, and wast buried, and didst rise again for us, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord's name be praised,

From the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

NOW unto Him, Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

MAY Thy blessing rest upon us, and Thy gracious Presence evermore abide with us. *Amen.*

N.B. This and the short offices for the "Third" and "Sixth" may be lengthened if desired, by the addition of Psalms or Collects.



The Last Hour.

¶ *First let all kneel in silence, and each pray privately for a short space.*

¶ *Then all rising up, the Reader shall say,*

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist stedfast in the faith.

There remaineth a rest to the people of God. Let us labour, therefore, to enter into that rest.

The end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer.

The Almighty God grant to us a quiet night, and an end of toils. *Amen.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord,

Henceforth world without end.

Let us lift up our hearts and our hands,

Unto God, in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto

the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,

Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then let all devoutly kneel, and the Reader say,*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess unto Thee all the open and secret sins, which we have committed either in thought, word, or deed, through our fault, our most grievous fault ;

We most earnestly implore pardon from Thee, the just and merciful God, and grace that we may sin no more. Amen.

BE Thou pleased, O Lord, ever more and more to wound, to pierce, and soften the hardness of, our hearts, for Thy mercies' sake, and for the merits of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

THE Almighty and merciful God grant us
pardon, and remission of all our sins,
and bring us safe to life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Priest be present, let him say,*

THE Almighty and merciful God, Who
hath given His Son Jesus Christ, to be
the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of
the whole world, grant unto you for His
sake, pardon of all your sins, and bring you
safe to life everlasting. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

Turn Thou us, O Lord, our Saviour,
And let Thine anger cease from us.
Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness,
And cleanse us from our sins.

Make us a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.

Turn away our eyes, lest they behold vanity,
And quicken Thou us in Thy way.

O Christ, Son of the Living God,
Arise and help us.

O Christ, King of eternal glory,
Hear Thou our prayer, and let our crying
come unto Thee.

O Lord, open Thou our lips,
*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy
praise.*

¶ *Here all standing up, the Reader shall say, and
the rest answer, as follows,*

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the beginning, &c.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then may be said or sung such Psalms as the
Reader may appoint.*

¶ *Then may be read a Lesson.*

¶ *After which all shall stand up, and the Reader
shall say,*

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither
have entered into the heart of man, the
things which God hath prepared for them
that love Him ;

*But God hath revealed them unto us by
His Spirit.*

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable
gift ;

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then may be sung the hymn following, or any other that the Reader may appoint.*

Now that the daylight dies away,
Ere we lie down to sleep,
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray
To own us and to keep.

Let evil dreams and visions fly,
The offspring of the night,
Keep us, as shrines, beneath Thine eye,
Pure in our foes' despite.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Eternal Three in One. Amen.

¶ *After that, these prayers following, or such of them as may be selected, all devoutly kneeling, the Reader first saying,*

The Lord be with you,
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night
without sin,

*And deliver us from all the powers of
darkness.*

Let the enemy have no advantage over us,
Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend our
spirits ;

*For Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, Thou
God of Truth.*

Keep us, O God, as the apple of an eye.

Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

Preserve our lying down, and our rising
up,

From this time forth for evermore.

Thou hast been our succour,

*Leave us not, neither forsake us, O Lord
God of our salvation.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

Both now, and at the hour of death.

O Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

LOOK down, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy: let Thy holy angels dwell within it, and preserve us in peace, and let Thy blessing be upon us for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who searchest the hearts, and triest the reins, try us, we beseech Thee, and seek the ground of our hearts: cleanse us from all hypocrisy, and suffer not any accursed thing to lurk within us; give us truth in the inward parts, and make us pure in heart, that we may hereafter see Thee in Thy glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ABIDE with us, O blessed Spirit, and so cleanse our consciences, that our Lord Jesus Christ when He cometh, may find us watching and prepared for His appearing, Who by His dying for us, overcame death,

and by His rising again, has opened for us the gate of everlasting life.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name : O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

O THOU, without Whom we can do nothing, help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and every motion of the body or of the mind which is repugnant to Thy most holy will, and save us.

O Lord, heal our souls, for we have sinned against Thee.

O MOST merciful Father, Who hast given life and grace to our souls, so strengthen and sustain us, we beseech Thee, by Thy most Holy Spirit, that we may persevere against all the temptations of the world, the flesh and the spirit, and may never be led astray from Thy commandments, but abiding stedfast unto the end, may be saved, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, shew us Thy marvellous loving-

kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in Thee.

O GRACIOUS God, Who hast taught us in Thy holy word that it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to be truly and sincerely thankful for all Thy manifold mercies bestowed upon us, especially Thy mercies during the past day, and grant that we may be enabled to employ all Thy gifts and mercies to the setting forth of Thy glory, and the setting forward of our own salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed art Thou, Lord God of our fathers.

Greatly to be praised, and glorified for ever.

The day is Thine, and the night is Thine.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honour, and praise, and worship for ever. Amen.

O LORD, Thou keeper of Israel, Who never slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased in Thy mercy to watch over us this night, and

make us ever mindful of that time, when we shall lie down in the dust, that we may at last rest in Thee. Gather us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the number of Thine elect, at what time, and in whatsoever manner Thou pleasest, only may we be blameless and without reproach before Thee in the last great day, through Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

O shew us Thy mercy, good Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

Let us pray, in the peace of the Lord, for that peace which the world cannot give ; for all mankind ; for the tranquillity and perpetual safety of Thy holy catholic Church, and in particular for that branch of it which Thou hast planted in this land ; for godly union of all Christians ; for peace on earth and good will towards men.

REMEMBER, O Lord, all who watch for our souls, especially thy servant our bishop ; all priests and deacons, who compass Thy holy altar ; all who bring forth

the fruit of good works in Thy holy Church ; all who desire to be remembered in our prayers, and all who pray for us ; all our benefactors ; all within this house ; all sick, or sorrowful persons ; all who are drawing near unto death. And grant that we may all find mercy and favour together with all Thy saints, who from the beginning of the world have pleased Thee, in their several generations, and dispose the end of our lives in peace, that, with that innumerable company before the throne, we may sing praises evermore to Thy glorious Name, O Jesus our Saviour, our Lord and our God, in the unity of the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest ;

For it is Thou Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name.

Let Thy merciful kindness be ever more and more towards us.

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in His eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Priest be present, let him add,*

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve you, this night and evermore. *Amen.*



SPECIAL PRAYERS THAT MAY BE ADDED AT
ANY OF THE FOREGOING OFFICES, AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE READER.

On Wednesdays.

O GOD, heavenly Father, Who to redeem us, didst deliver up Thine only Son, to be betrayed with a kiss, by one of His disciples, and sold to His enemies; take from us, we beseech Thee, all covetousness, and hypocrisy, and so help us, that loving Thee and Thy truth above all things, we may remain steadfast in our faith, even to the end, and cleaving to Thee with all our heart, may at last attain to the inheritance of Thy saints in light, through Him Who ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *On Thursdays.*

O BLESSED Jesus, Who, having finished the work of our redemption, didst return to Thy eternal glory, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, taking off our eyes from the vanities of this world, may continually fix them upon things above, and daily expecting Thy second coming, may be prepared to meet Thee, and to follow Thee into those blessed mansions which Thou art gone to prepare for us, Who ever livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *On Fridays.*

O LORD God, Who didst give Thine only Son, to redeem the world by His obedience unto death; grant, we beseech Thee, that the continual memory of His bitter cross and passion, may teach us so to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, that, dying unto sin, and living unto Thee, we may, in the union and merits of His cross and passion, die with Him and rest with Him, and rise again with Him, and live with Him for ever; to Whom, with Thee and

the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory,
world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *On Saturdays.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized
into the death of Thy blessed Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mor-
tifying our corrupt affections, we may be
buried with Him ; and that, through the
grave and gate of death, we may pass to our
joyful resurrection, for His merits, Who
died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



PRIVATE PRAYERS AT BED-TIME.

¶ *After the daily examination has been gone through, kneel down devoutly and say,*

I CONFESS to Thee, Almighty God, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, my own most grievous fault. (*Here mention any particular sins that may have been committed during the day, and then continue to pray thus.*) Have mercy on me, O gracious God, and, according to Thy blessed promise, forgive me whatever sin I have confessed unto Thee, and whatever else has offended Thy Divine Majesty, which I know not, or remember not. Forgive me, O Lord, that I have not more grown in grace, and in the knowledge of Thee, this day ; but give me this night true repentance, and hearty desires to serve Thee better all the rest of my life, and strength to persevere even unto the end. *Amen.*

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was crucified and laid into His grave for me, I am now about to lay me down to rest. The Lord bless me, and keep me, and save me evermore. The Lord raise me up again, and bring me at last to life eternal. Amen.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, now, and at the hour of my death.

PRESERVE me while I am waking, and defend me while I sleep, that my soul may continually watch for Thee, and both body and soul may rest in Thy peace for ever. Amen.

O THOU Who hast foretold, that Thou wilt return to judgment, in an hour that we are not aware of, grant me grace to watch and pray always ; that whether Thou comest at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning, Thou mayest find me in the number of those servants, who shall be blessed for watching for their Lord, and save me. Amen.

O MOST kind and merciful Lord, let this season of rest be entirely free from sin, as from labour and sorrow : and suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind, which may displease Thee, or defile me.

Let my sleep be composed and pure, quiet from every wicked and worldly imagination, and do Thou, Lord, drive away all suggestions of the devil, or the flesh. Amen.

O LORD Jesu, Who Thyself hadst not where to lay Thy head, yet givest me a safe resting place, let me ever remember Thy lowliness and sufferings for me, and Thy mercy ; and make me meek and humble, patient and truly penitent, through Thy grace. Amen.

LORD Jesu, Who didst pass the night on the mountain-top in prayer, help me to remember Thee in my bed, and think on Thee when I am waking.

O LORD, bless my (*father and mother, my brothers and sisters, my*) pastors and teachers, all in this house who are set over

me, and all my companions. Convert all who are now living in sin. Have mercy on the destitute. When we lie down in our graves, O Lord, be Thou our Light and our joy. In the awful judgment, deliver us.

OUR Father, &c.

The night cometh, when no man can work. Grant me, O Lord, to remember this.

As Thou hast been about my path, so be Thou now about my bed.

May Thy blessing rest upon me, and may Thy gracious presence still abide with me. Amen, Amen, Amen.

WHEN WE ENTER INTO OUR BED.

I lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

AS WE LIE DOWN TO SLEEP.

Thou, Who wert laid in the dark and silent tomb, be Thou with me through the darkness of the night.

OR THIS.

Lord, remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

At night lie down,
Prepare to have
Thy sleep, thy death,
Thy bed, thy grave.

Awake, arise,
Think that thou hast
Thy life but lent,
Thy breath a blast.

Lord, in that last and dreadful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's stay,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away.



THE following Psalms among others may appropriately be used at the foregoing offices.

Early Morning Prayer.

Psalms 1, 5, 8, 19, 20, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 63, 84, 91, 95, 139.

Third Hour.

Psalms 11, 73, 99, 101, 104, 107, 119.

Sixth Hour.

Psalms 34, 46, 55, 56, 65, 69, 85, 103, 119.

Ninth Hour.

Psalms 5, 15, 19, 20, 50, 57, 62, 77, 80, 88, 111, 116, 117, 119, 122, 126, 133, 143, 145, 147.

Evensong.

Psalms 81, 97, 112, 119, 121, 123, 124, 125, 135.

Last Hour.

Psalms 4, 16, 23, 31, 67, 71, 91, 96, 103,
113, 130, 131, 134, 136, 139, 146, 148.

Penitential Psalms.

Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.



Early Morning Prayer for Sundays.

¶ *Let all kneel in silence, and each pray privately for a short space.*

¶ *Then all rising up, the Reader shall say,*

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God, the day-spring from on high hath visited us.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord ; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Who hast brought life and immortality to light, through Thy Gospel.

The Almighty and merciful God grant unto us all joy and peace in believing.

¶ *Then let all devoutly kneel, the Reader first saying,*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and are not worthy to be called Thy children, but do Thou pity and cleanse, forgive and save us, for Thy dear Son's sake.

We confess, O Lord, we confess our sins unto Thee, O be Thou merciful to us sinners.

O LORD, pardon, we most humbly beseech Thee, all our abuses of Thy mercy and our negligences in times past : grant unto us true repentance, and unfeigned sorrow for all our offences, that with contrite and humble hearts we may walk before Thee, and do what is pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, hear us, for Thy great mercies' sake.

THE Almighty and merciful God grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, and bring us safe to life everlasting.
Amen.

OUR Father, which art, &c.

O Lord, open Thou our lips ;
*And our mouth shall shew forth Thy
praise.*

O let our mouth be filled with Thy praise ;
*That we may sing of Thy glory and
honour all the day long.*

¶ *Then all rising, the Reader shall say, and the
rest answer as follows ;*

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty ;
Which was, and is, and is to come.

All the blessed spirits and souls of the
righteous cast their crowns before the
throne,

*And worship Him that liveth for ever and
ever.*

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory,
and honour, and power ;

*For Thou hast created all things, and for
Thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Great and marvellous are Thy works, O
Lord, God Almighty.

*Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King
of saints.*

Thy wisdom is infinite, Thy mercies are glorious,

And we are not worthy, O Lord, to appear in Thy presence, before Whom the angels veil their faces.

O HOLY and eternal Jesus, Lamb of God, Who wast slain from the beginning of the world, Thou hast redeemed us unto God by Thy blood out of every nation.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever.

The Lord's name be praised, from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

¶ *Then shall the Reader say,*

BELOVED, be ye perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Amen.

The very God of peace sanctify us wholly. Amen.

¶ *Then let all devoutly kneel; the Reader first saying, and the rest answering,*
The Lord be with you,
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Who, as on this day, didst create the light, and Who hast raised us up to praise Thy goodness, and to pray to Thee, make us to walk as children of light; that we may have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, and grant us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies. *Amen.*

O LORD, most gracious Saviour, Who, as on this day, didst rise again from the dead, raise up our souls unto newness of life, granting us repentance from dead works, and planting us in the likeness of Thy resurrection. *Amen.*

O THOU blessed Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Who, as on this day, didst come down to sanctify and to teach, to guide and to comfort Thine elect, lead us, we beseech Thee,

into all truth, and fill our hearts with Thy manifold gifts of grace. *Amen.*

O LORD God, we most humbly beseech Thee to purify our hearts from all vain, and worldly, and sinful thoughts, and prepare our souls to worship Thee, this day and evermore, acceptably, with reverence and godly fear; fix our affections, O Lord, on things above, and give us grace to receive Thy word, which we shall hear this day, into honest and good hearts, and to bring forth fruit with patience, that we may at last inherit everlasting life, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, O Almighty God, and let Thy loving Spirit lead us forth into the land of righteousness.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, fulfil Thy gracious word unto Thy servants, that Thou wilt put Thy laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts; that Thou wilt give them one heart and one mind, that they may fear Thee always. Be it unto us, O Lord, according to Thy word, and let Thy

hand be upon us, to direct and strengthen us in the perfect way of Thy commandments, and keep us stedfast in Thy holy love, for Thy dear Son's sake, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

O Lord, shew Thou us the way that we should walk in, for unto Thee do we lift up our souls.

TEACH us, O Almighty God, to walk always as in Thy presence, to fear Thy Majesty, to reverence Thy holy Name and Thy laws, and to love Thee above all things, that, forsaking all our sins, and renouncing all vanities, we may give up ourselves wholly to Thy service, and the studies of a holy life; and may by Thy mercy become partakers of Thine everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, O Almighty God, we most humbly beseech Thee.

¶ *To be added on Sundays when any member of the household is about to communicate.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that such members of this household as

may, this day, be admitted to receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may approach that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with Thy grace, and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOOD Shepherd of the sheep, guide us, and feed us, and nothing shall be wanting to us, in the place of the pasture wherein Thou hast folded us, until we be brought unto the pasture of eternal life.

For Thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself; our lips shall praise Thee.

Let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth world without end.

ALMIGHTY God, we most humbly beseech Thee, hearken unto the prayers, and accept the praises, which are offered unto

Thee this day, by Thy holy catholic Church throughout the world. Open and enlighten the eyes of all, who still sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and guide their feet into the way of peace.

Give a double portion of Thy Spirit to the ministers of Thy holy Word and Sacraments, especially to Thy servant our Bishop, and the Priests and Deacons under him, and all congregations committed to their charge. Let Thy special blessing, O Lord, rest on this house and family, and on all who are near and dear unto us, (*especially those who desire our prayers.*)

To Thee, O gracious God, we commend our souls and bodies ; all that we are and all that we have ; for Thine, O Lord, we desire to be in life and death ; and may we all with one mind, and one heart, so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we may at last find mercy in the dreadful day of judgment, through Thy mediation and satisfaction, O blessed Jesu, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour, and glory, and thanksgiving, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If a Priest be present, he shall say,*

NOW the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good word and work, to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Ebening Prayer for Sundays.

¶ *Let all kneel in silence, and each pray privately for a short space.*

¶ *Then all rising, the Reader shall say,*

THERE remaineth a rest for the people of God, let us therefore labour to enter into that rest.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The Almighty and merciful God grant us a quiet night and a holy death.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling, the Reader shall say,*

Let us pray.

MOST glorious and eternal God, we worship and adore Thee with the lowest humility of our souls and bodies, and give Thee all

thanks and praise for Thy infinite and unceasing mercies. We acknowledge, O God, that we have deserved the greatest of Thy wrath and indignation, but Thou hast still continued to us life and time of repentance.

Behold, O Almighty God, for this Thy great and unspeakable goodness, and for all Thy graces and blessings, we offer up to Thee our souls and bodies, all that we are and all that we have, as a sacrifice to Thee and to Thy service; humbly beseeching Thee to pardon all our sins, to defend us from all evil, to lead us into all good, and that our portion may be among Thy redeemed, in the gathering together of Thy saints, in the kingdom of grace and glory.

We most earnestly implore pardon from Thee, the just and merciful God, and grace that we may sin no more.

THE Almighty and merciful God, grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, and bring us safe to life everlasting. Amen.

OUR Father, which art, &c.

O Lord, open Thou our lips,

And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

O let our mouths be filled with Thy praise,

That we may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

¶ *Then all rising up, the Reader shall say, and the rest answer, as follows,*

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Behold, now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Thou, O God, art praised in Zion,

And unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou wilt shew us wonderful things in Thy righteousness, O God of our salvation.

Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Righteousness and equity are the habitation of Thy seat,

Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

God is very greatly to be feared in the counsel of His saints,

And to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever.

BLESSED be Thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in heaven and earth are Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head over all.

Now therefore, O Lord, we thank Thee, and evermore will praise Thy glorious Name.

¶ *Then shall be read the following text, or any other that the Reader may select.*

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death

is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Reader first saying, and the rest answering,*

The Lord be with you,
And with thy spirit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

MOST gracious God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we beseech Thee to fix our thoughts, our hopes, our desires on heaven and heavenly things. Teach us to despise the world, and to repent us deeply of our sins. Give us holy purposes of amendment, and strength to perform them faithfully. Enrich our understandings with an eternal

treasure of divine truths, that we may know Thy will. O Thou, Who workest in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, teach us to obey all Thy commandments, to believe all Thy revelations, and make us partakers of all Thy gracious promises, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

TEACH us, O blessed God, to watch over all our ways, that we may not be overwhelmed by sudden temptations, or fall away from Thee through a careless and slothful spirit, nor return to sin and folly. Make us such as Thou wouldest have us to be; strengthen our faith, confirm our hope, and give us a daily increase of charity, and so help us, that it may become the great employment of our whole life to serve Thee, to root out all the accursed habits of sin, that in holiness of life, in humility, in chastity, and all the ornaments of grace, we may by patience, wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus.

GUIDE us, O Lord our God, in all the changes of this mortal life, that in all things which may befall us, we may have a

calm and peaceful spirit ; that our souls may be wholly resigned to Thy divine will and pleasure ; that we may never murmur at Thy gentle chastisements, or fatherly correction ; that we may be meek and lowly of heart, in the midst of all our blessings and consolations ; and so following the Lamb, whithersoever He goeth, may abide in Thy love for ever ;

Hear us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name ; O deliver us, and be merciful to our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

GIVE us grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, ever to remember our last end, that we may not dare to sin against Thee. Let Thy holy angels keep watch around us to defend us from all dangers. Let Thy loving Spirit so guide us in the ways of peace and safety, that we may be saved from the hands of all our enemies, from a sinful life, and from despair in the hour of our death. Then, O blessed Jesu, let Thy mercies and the light of Thy countenance shine gloriously upon us, and

sustain us in all our agonies, weaknesses, and temptations, that with the testimony of a good conscience and the sense of Thy mercies and consolations, we may depart this life, in the unity of the Church, in Thy love, and a certain hope of salvation, through Him Who died for us, and washed us in His own blood, and now ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Grant this, O Lord, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake.

¶ *To be added on days when any members of the family have communicated.*

WE thank Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for the blessing which Thou hast vouchsafed to Thy servants, in admitting them this day to partake of Thy holy, precious, and heavenly mysteries, which Thou hast given us, for the sanctification and healing of our souls and bodies, and we beseech Thee to grant, that through this Communion of the holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ, they may obtain the remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Finally, we most humbly beseech Thee, most gracious God, to remember for good all those that are over us in the Lord, who watch for our souls as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy. Bless all our relations, benefactors, and friends, and have mercy upon all men; preserve the faithful in Thy fear and love, and convert the wicked. And hear us, good Lord, when we commend unto Thy tender compassion all that are in error, and sincerely seek the truth; all such as are destitute of necessary means of instruction; all that are engaged in sinful courses, that they may have grace and strength to break their bonds; all that labour under trials and afflictions, (*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*); all sick and dying persons, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with Thee before they die; and also such as never pray for themselves, that they may see, before it be too late, the danger of living without God in the world; these and all other necessities for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name

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and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

UNTO Thy gracious mercy and protection we commit ourselves, O Lord, this night and evermore. O Lord, bless us and keep us. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *If a priest be present, let him add,*

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES ARE INTENDED
TO BE USED IN PRIVATE, ON ANY SUITABLE
OCCASION.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I COME to God, in firm belief that He is ;
and that He is a rewarder of them that
diligently seek Him.

I know that my Redeemer liveth ; that
He is the Christ, the Son of the living God ;
that He is of a truth the Saviour of the
world ; that He came into the world to
save sinners, of whom I am chief. By the
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ I trust to
be saved.

I believe that the blessed Spirit of God
worketh in me to renew me, to sanctify my
whole body, soul, and spirit.

I know that this frail body shall rise
again, and stand at the latter day upon
the earth, at which time I stedfastly trust
to see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living.

By all Thy endearing titles of Father,

Creator, Saviour, Mediator, Intercessor, Redeemer, Sanctifier, Comforter, Three Persons, and One God, let Thy merciful kindness be upon me, like as I do put my trust in Thee.

Be Thou, O Lord God, within me to strengthen me, without me to guard me, over me to shelter me, beneath me to support me, before me to guide me, behind me to be my rereward, round about me, to keep off my enemies on every side. Amen, Amen.

AN ACT OF PENITENCE.

MY sin is ever before me. I have rebelled against my Father and my God ; I have trodden under foot the blood of the Lord Who died for me, and have resisted and grieved the blessed Spirit of grace. I have fallen by my iniquity ; I have gone after the way of my own heart, heeding no reproofs, no warnings. I have deserved to be cast, by the righteous judgment of an offended and despised God, far from His blessed Presence, into outer darkness, into hell ; I have forfeited all hopes of heaven, I have been a hard, ungrateful sinner. Against

light, and against the voice of my God within me, and against all mercies, and all chastisements, I have followed lying vanities, and I am undone. My soul is moved within me. In the bitter remembrance of my own shame, of the folly, the wilfulness, the misery of my transgressions, I mourn within me.

O Lord, I mourn in the inmost depths of my soul ; I abhor myself ; I mourn with my whole heart ; I smite upon my breast and say with the Publican, " God be merciful to me a sinner ;" I hate and detest my sins above every evil, because by them I have offended Thee, Who art infinite goodness.

Father of mercies, I beseech Thy fatherly compassion, despise me not, though I am as an unclean worm ; like as a beast that hath no understanding ; despise not Thou the work of Thine own hands ; despise not Thine own image, though branded with sin.

Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. Lord, only speak the word, and I shall be cleansed. Thou my Saviour Christ, Christ my Saviour, Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief, despise me not ; despise

me not, O Lord, despise not the purchase of Thy own Blood ; despise me not, for I am called by Thy name.

And Thou, all holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, despise me not, for Thou didst breathe into me the breath of life. Speak unto me words of comfort, Thou Who knowest my frame, and all my many infirmities, Whose Name is Comforter, speak those words of comfort, "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee," "Be of good cheer, for My grace is sufficient for thee." Say unto my soul, "I am thy salvation."

O Lord God Almighty, I would die, rather than offend Thee more. Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto Thy servant ; take away from me, I beseech Thee, all my iniquities, that I may be purified in soul and body. Lay not my sins to my charge, but forgive me what is past, and give me grace to amend my sinful life, to turn away from sin, and incline to virtue, that I may walk with a perfect heart before Thee, now and evermore. Amen.

AN ACT OF SELF-DEVOTION.

O MY God, with all the submission and humility I am capable of, in the awful presence of Thy divine Majesty, I bow my whole soul and body before Thee. I acknowledge myself Thy creature, the work of Thy hands, dependent on Thee for everything. What can I render unto Thee, O Lord, for all the benefits that Thou hast done unto me? Do not I owe my life, my body and soul, and all that I am, and all that I have, to Thee?

O God, my Father, because Thou hast given me life, because Thou hast 'given me reason, because Thy bountiful Providence hath nourished me, preserved me, sheltered me; because Thou hast so long waited for me, and granted me time for repentance; because of all Thine infinite mercies from my birth up to this very hour, I would now and evermore devote myself with my whole heart unto Thee, and to Thy blessed service.

Because Thou, O Lord Jesus, hast offered Thyself on the altar of the cross for me, as

the price of my redemption, to redeem me a wretched sinner, every member of Thy body being tormented for me, Thy whole soul bowed down in agony for me; I offer unto Thee my body and soul, which Thou hast purchased by Thy precious blood, to serve Thee all my days.

Because Thou, all holy and blessed Spirit, hast come to dwell in me, to make me Thy temple, to be my comforter, my guide, to abide in me, to be my life and my light, my peace and my joy, to renew me, to form me into the perfect image of Christ, to Thee, O blessed Spirit, I would give myself to be guided by Thee all the days of my life.

I desire, O my God, in Thy strength, to subdue all my sins, to overcome all temptations, to avoid all occasions of sin, to correct all my faults, (*here mention any particular fault that you ought to amend.*) I will henceforth strive earnestly to do all my duty in Thy fear, (*here mention any particular duty that you ought to practise better.*) to keep the rules of life appointed for me, to obey all righteous commands, to bear thankfully all reproofs, to follow all holy guidance.

I purpose, O my God, with the full purpose of my soul, to avoid every offence against Thee, every resistance of Thee, every imagination of evil that may grieve Thee; all my self-will, and my pride of heart. Only do Thou, O my Father, extend Thy protecting hand over me, that I may not betray Thee, nor fail in these my holy purposes. Do Thou, Lord Jesu, in Thy eternal love, vouchsafe to supply all my unworthiness, and forgive all my failings, through Thy most sacred merits, and uphold me by Thy saving grace. And Thou, O Holy Spirit, Who helpst our infirmities, help me to fulfil all my desires, and accomplish all my thoughts. Give me a new and stedfast life, and grant me perseverance even unto the end, for Thy own Name's sake, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to Whom be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.

AN ACT OF RESIGNATION AND SUBMISSION.

It is Thy will, O God : so be it mine also. It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good. I have said, I have prayed, day

by day, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven:" help me to do, as I have prayed. What am I that I should resist the Lord God of heaven and earth; all angels and blessed spirits rejoice always to do Thy will; all the elements, the sea, the winds, all the creatures, obey Thy voice; how much more should I, Thy servant, the child of Thy love, the purchase of the precious Blood of Christ, I who depend on Thee for every breath I breathe, for every morsel of bread, for all that I am and have. Blessed Jesu; Thou in Thine agony for me didst say, "If this cup (the cup of Thy most bitter woes) may not pass from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done;"—"not My will but Thine be done." If Thou, O great and holy Lord, didst come on earth, not to do Thy own will, but His Who sent Thee, what am I, Thy servant, that I should be greater than Thou, my Lord. Oh! that Thy will might be my highest joy, my only joy. Subdue all my passion; bring down all my high and stubborn thoughts; make me to hate my own proud, rebellious will, which has been my ruin and my curse. Subdue me, O God,

then take Thy cross, O blessed Saviour, and lay it on me ; give me that meek, that lowly spirit, that I may bear it sweetly after Thee ; guide me, wheresoever Thou wilt ; dispose of me, of all that I have, as Thou pleasest. In Thy sweet, Thy blessed humility, Thy lowliness, Thou Who didst come, not to be ministered unto, but to minister to me ; O teach me to love to be as Thou wert, and to do as Thou wouldest have me to do. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, I bow myself, I submit to all my humiliations, I bear all my chastisements, I will seek to do all lowly acts. For Thy sake also, do I submit to all my superiors whom Thou hast placed over me ; for Thy sake, O God, I will listen to their call, I will obey their commands, I will shew all reverence to them. In secret as in public I will strive to obey them, and reverence them ; in their absence, as in their presence ; in my heart, as in my outward conduct. Take from me, I beseech Thee, all remaining pride of heart that hinders me.

Incline Thine ear unto me and hear me, O my God ; I offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a

troubled spirit ; a broken and a contrite heart, O Lord, do not Thou despise ; behold, my heart is ready, my heart is ready. Do Thou, O Lord, I pray Thee, possess and govern my heart by Thy grace, that I may quietly, reverently, thankfully, and with the utmost willingness, bear this my appointed trial, this my portion of the cross ; so that this my service may be well-pleasing to Thee, and profitable to my soul ; receive it, I most humbly beseech Thee, as a sacrifice of thanksgiving, for Thy dear Son's sake, O Lord God of my salvation. Amen.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O LORD, my good and gracious God, Thou Who hast thought of me from eternity, and hast loved me before the world was, Whose eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect, in Whose book were all my members written, as day by day they were fashioned by Thee, I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord. How great is the sum of all Thy mercies to me, O my God ! Are they not more in number than the sand ! How can I recount them, O my God !

For my life, my reason, for all my senses, and my faculties of soul and body, for my support, my safety, my food and clothing, for every daily blessing which Thou hast continued to me, even while I rebelled against Thee ;

For my redemption, my instruction in the truth ; for Thy calls to me, Thy repeated calls to me ; for Thy continuing to repeat those calls, times without number ; for Thy forbearance and long suffering, Thy very long suffering, after great provocations for so many years, and even to this very time ;

For the advantage of careful and indulgent parents ; for the benefit of gentle teachers ; for the kindness of never to be forgotten benefactors ; for the constant care and love of those who are set over me in the Lord, who watch for my soul ; for all who have at any time done me good by their advice or by their reproofs, by their prayers or by their examples ;

For the many blessings which are around me now, so undeserved by me, for I deserve not the least of all Thy mercies ; for all Thy promises, and all my hopes of a better life

to come, which notwithstanding all my sins, Thou hast not taken from me ;

For all these, and all other instances of any good done to me, whether asked, or unasked, whether known, or unknown, whether remembered or forgotten, I do and will praise Thee ; I do and will bless Thee ; I do and will humbly adore Thee, and most heartily thank Thee, this day and every day of my life.

What am I, gracious God, that Thou hast thus looked on me ; thus dealt with me ? For I am that prodigal child that went away into a far country from Thee, and squandered all the substance Thou gavest me. What shall I render then to the Lord, for all the benefits that He hath done unto me ; for all that mercy that spared me when I deserved punishment, for all that patience that did not disdain to wait for my happy change, when so much goodness should lead me to repentance ? I will always give thanks to the Lord, His praise shall ever be in my mouth. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy

glory. I will magnify Thee, I will worship Thee, I will serve Thee, I will love and delight in Thee, I will entirely devote myself to Thee, O Lord, my strength, my rock and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my helper, my defender in whom I trust, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

On Thee alone I place my hope, most holy Jesus, for Thou art my strength, and my salvation, Thou art the fountain of all good ; whither should I flee but unto Thee, O Jesus, Who hast said, in Thine own most sacred Word, "Come unto Me, all ye that travail, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." How sweet are Thy words, O Lord, unto my throat ; yea sweeter than honey unto my mouth. What wilt Thou not give to man, to whom Thou hast given Thyself ?

Why art thou so troubled and so vexed, O my soul ? To Thee, O my Father, nothing is impossible, nothing is too hard ; Thou hast made all things, Thou rulest all things, in Thee all things live and move and have

their being ; Thou hast numbered the very hairs of my head ; even the sparrow falleth not without Thee. What then can happen unto me ; but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether ? Thou doest it, or Thou permittest it to be done. Shall not all things therefore work together for my good ; for Thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works ?

Thou, O Lord, by Thy Almighty power, hast promised to give unto me, even unto me, if I turn unto Thee and repent, the glory of heaven. I know, gracious God, that Thou desirest, and willest, that I should enter in, and be with Thee there in bliss eternal ; for this is the reason why Thou hast given Thine only Son to die for me.

And therefore, O Almighty Father, with my whole heart I most firmly hope to obtain from Thy infinite goodness all things whatever that are necessary for my salvation : first, pardon of my sins, however great and deadly ; secondly, strength to overcome all the trials that shall meet me in this life ; and lastly, grace sufficient to attain to the

everlasting enjoyment of Thy most blessed Presence.

And though all the powers of darkness conspire together against me ; though Satan desire to have me, that he may sift me as wheat ; though the floods of temptation and sorrow are around me to overwhelm me ; though my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up ; yet will I put my trust in the Lord, and will not be confounded. Hope thou in the Lord, and abide patiently in Him. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed ; I am poor and needy, but the Lord careth for me ; Thou art my helper and my Redeemer. In quietness and in confidence shall be my strength. O my soul, wait Thou still upon God, for my hope is in Him ; in God is my health and my glory, the rock of my might, and in God is my trust. Amen, Amen.



S. AMBROSE'S COMMEMORATION OF OUR
LORD'S PASSION.

¶ *To be used on Wednesdays and Fridays, or on any solemn occasion.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, the Creator and Redeemer of all mankind ; I give Thee thanks, unworthy though they be, and humbly desire that they may be acceptable unto Thee, Who for me, a miserable sinner, camest down from heaven, and didst take flesh of the Blessed Virgin Mary ; of her Thou vouchsafedst to be born ; to be wrapt in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger ; to suck the breasts ; to be circumcised in Thy tender flesh ; to be manifested to the wise men, and adored by them ; to be presented in the temple ; to be carried into Egypt ; to return into Thy country ; to be subject to Thy parents ; to be baptized by John ; to be afflicted with a

forty days' fast ; and thrice to be tempted of the devil ; to be wearied with journeys, and worn with hunger, and thirst, and watchings ; to be tired with Thy ministrings ; to weep for compassion, to be rejected of the Jews, and reviled by them.

The time of Thy Passion drawing near, Thou vouchsafedst to be exceeding sorrowful ; to pray, not only with bended knees, but falling upon Thy face ; to be in a bitter agony, and to sweat drops of blood ; to be betrayed by Judas with a deceitful kiss ; to be apprehended by the Jews and bound as a thief ; to be left desolate and alone, for all Thy disciples forsook Thee and fled.

To be led to Annas first, and there to be buffeted ; to be sent by him bound to Caiaphas, and there to be many ways derided ; to be brought, as a malefactor, before the council of the Jews, and there to be falsely accused and condemned ; to have Thy face covered with shame and spitting ; to be insulted by manifold reproaches ; to be scorned and blasphemed ; to be delivered bound unto Pilate, and before him vehemently accused unto death ; and by him

to be sent unto Herod; and there to be calumniated, and set at naught by him and his men of war; to be arrayed in white and sent back unto Pilate; there by his command to be bound to a pillar and cruelly scourged unto blood; to be by him condemned, and delivered up to the soldiers to be crucified; by whom Thou wast mocked with a purple garment and pierced with a crown of thorns; derided with a reed instead of a royal sceptre, and with bowing of knees; called in contempt "the King of the Jews;" and again buffeted and beaten with the reed upon Thy head; then laden with the weight of Thy cross, and led away to the place of Thy passion; there stripped naked of Thy garments, and gall mingled with myrrh given Thee to drink.

At last Thou wast extended upon the cross; Thy hands and feet transfixed with nails; crucified with thieves, numbered amongst transgressors; blasphemed both by them that stood by, and by them that passed by; and in the extremity of Thy sufferings didst cry out "My God, my God! why hast Thou forsaken me?" Thy head bowed down

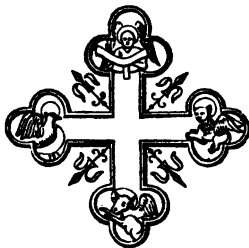
Thou didst give up the ghost ; and Thy side was pierced by a soldier, whence issued both water and blood ; taken down from the cross and buried ; the third day Thou didst rise again and appear to Thy disciples. The fortieth day Thou didst ascend into heaven ; and sitting on the right hand of God the Father, Thou didst send down the promise of the Holy Ghost upon Thy blessed Apostles and disciples : and shalt come again to judgment to render to all men according to their works done in the body, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.

O blessed Lord Jesu, by all these Thy most sacred sufferings, by Thy bitter death and most precious blood shed for us, and by all things foretold of Thee, and fulfilled by Thee, vouchsafe in great mercy to deliver me, an unclean sinner, with all my friends and enemies, parents, brothers and sisters ; all that are poor and desolate ; all who are tempted, or fallen into sin ; all who have erred and are deceived ; all who are bound and imprisoned, with all Christian people.

All my thoughts, imaginations and actions,

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be Thou pleased, O Lord, so to dispose and order, that they may be acceptable to Thee; purify me with Thy grace, and fill me with holy peace and with all virtue; and grant me to persevere in all good works even unto death, that making a good end in this present life, Thou mayest bring me to eternal life, in Thy heavenly kingdom, where Thou ever livest and reignest. Amen, Amen.



Penitential Psalms.**PSALM VI.**

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation : neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me ?

4 Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth Thee : and who will give Thee thanks in the pit ?

6 I am weary of my groaning ; every night wash I my head : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity :
for the Lord hath heard the voice of my
weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the
Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded,
and sore vexed : they shall be turned back,
and put to shame suddenly.

PSALM XXXII.

1 BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness
is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the
Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit
there is no guile.

3 For while I held my tongue : my bones
consumed away through my daily complain-
ing.

4 For Thy hand is heavy upon me day
and night : and my moisture is like the
drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee :
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the

Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

PSALM XXXVIII.

1 PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in
Thine anger : neither chasten me in Thy
heavy displeasure.

2 For Thine arrows stick fast in me : and
Thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because
of Thy displeasure : neither is there any
rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my
head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy
for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt :
through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and
misery : that I go mourning all the day
long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore
disease : and there is no whole part in my
body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have
roared for the very disquietness of my
heart.

9 Lord, Thou knowest all my desire : and
my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty :
and they that hate me wrongfully are many
in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good
are against me : because I follow the thing
that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be
not Thou far from me.

22 Haste Thee to help me : O Lord God
of my salvation.

PSALM LI.

1 HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after
Thy great goodness : according to the
multitude of Thy mercies do away mine
offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wicked-
ness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my
sin is ever before me.

4 Against Thee only have I sinned, and
done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou
mightest be justified in Thy saying, and
clear when Thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness :
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

16 For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

PSALM CII.

1 HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto Thee.

2 Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble : incline Thine ear unto me when I call ; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me, are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping ;

10 And that because of Thine indignation, and wrath : for Thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

12 But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why? Thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth Thy majesty ;

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when His glory shall appear ;

17 When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire ;

18 This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born, shall praise the Lord.

19 For He hath looked down from His sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;

20 That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death ;

21 That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion : and His worship at Jerusalem ;

22 When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for Thy years they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment,

27 And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed : but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

PSALM CXXX.

1 Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark

what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

4 For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

PSALM CXLIII.

1 HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul,

he hath smitten my life down to the ground :
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the
men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within
me : and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past, I
muse upon all Thy works : yea, I exercise
myself in the works of Thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto Thee :
my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty
land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for
my spirit waxeth faint : hide not Thy face
from me, lest I be like unto them that go
down into the pit.

8 O let me hear Thy loving-kindness be-
times in the morning, for in Thee is my
trust : shew Thou me the way that I should
walk in ; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies :
for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleas-
eth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy
loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of
righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's

sake : and for Thy righteousness sake bring
my soul out of trouble ;

12 And of Thy goodness slay mine ene-
mies : and destroy all them that vex my
soul ; for I am Thy servant.



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An Office

FOR THE RECEPTION OF A PENITENT.

- ¶ *The Household being assembled in the Chapel, the person about to be received shall be led in by one of the Sisters, and they shall together kneel down in a place apart from the rest, the Sister kneeling on her left.*
- ¶ *The Litany shall then be said ; after which all shall rise, except the person about to be received, who shall remain on her knees. The Superior, or some Sister deputed to act in her stead, shall then take her place on the right of the person who is to be received.*
- ¶ *The Sisters, and the penitents already received, shall alone join in the responses appointed for this service.*
- ¶ *The Priest shall then read the following exhortation.*

DEARLY beloved, we are taught that when our first parents sinned, and by their sins lost Paradise, God did not leave them without hope, but gave unto them the

comfortable promise of a Saviour, Who should bruise Satan under their feet, and deliver them. We are taught likewise how God fulfilled that promise in sending His only Son, to save that which is lost. He is that good Shepherd, spoken of in the Gospels, Who Himself seeks to deliver each one that goeth astray, seeking till He find, and rejoicing when He brings back the wanderer to His fold. He indeed hateth sin, nevertheless He willeth not the death of a sinner; He is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners. He is ever ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto Him with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves, and from henceforth walk in His ways; if we take His easy yoke, and light burden upon us, to follow Him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit, seeking always His glory, and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving.

Having this blessed assurance in remembrance, let us, following His holy example, and trusting to His gracious promises, com-

mend to the pity of God, through the meditation of our Lord Jesus Christ, this person, who now, fleeing from the wrath to come, earnestly implores His most gracious mercy and forgiveness. For this let us now humbly and devoutly pray. Amen.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling,*

Let us pray.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, Who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved ; mercifully hear our prayers, which we offer before Thee, on behalf of this woman Thy servant, who having wandered and gone astray from Thee, and having fallen, lay dead in trespasses and sins. Receive her, gracious Lord, now turning from her evil ways, fleeing from Thy great wrath, and earnestly desiring mercy and forgiveness. Give her grace to commit herself unto Thee in all lowliness and humility ; keep her in Thy great power and love, that she may not, even in thought, turn back to the sin which has deserved Thy extreme wrath

and malediction ; but that, hating it with a perfect hatred, she may, through Thy saving grace, revive, and live, and turn evermore unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, the blessed Son of God, Who, in the days of Thy flesh, didst have mercy on the woman of Samaria, and on Mary Magdalene ; and didst spare the publican, and the thief upon the cross ; we beseech Thee, on behalf of this woman who is a sinner, now kneeling before Thee. Despise not the work of Thy own hands, the sheep of Thy pasture, though she be debased and unclean in Thy sight. In Thy infinite compassion receive her to the hopes of renewed life, of peace, and everlasting salvation, through Thy merits, Who didst shed Thine own precious Blood for her, and now ever livest to make intercession for her.
Amen.

O BLESSED Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we beseech Thee, stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be the defence of this woman in the hour of weakness and

temptation. More especially we pray Thee, O merciful God, grant her grace, that she may be sincere in that solemn profession, which she is now about to make in Thy sight. Give her seriousness of heart, and truth in the inward parts, and such faith and stedfastness, that she may not grieve Thee by any wilful breach of her promises, nor may they ever rise up against her at the judgment, and condemn her.

Grant this, we most humbly beseech Thee, O God, for Thy tender mercies' sake, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¶ *Then shall all rise, the person about to be received, alone remaining on her knees. The Priest then taking his seat in front of her, shall address the following question to the Superior, or the Sister deputed to act for her.*

Are you satisfied that this person understands, and has duly considered the solemn questions which I am now about to put to her, and that it is her sincere desire to comply with them ?

Ans. I have examined her, and I do trust that such is her sincere desire.

¶ *Then the Priest, turning to the person about to be received, will thus address her.*

WE have prayed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, thy Saviour and ours, that He may be pleased to receive thee to His great mercy. He hath declared that He will not cast out any one that with a true penitent heart draweth near to Him. He hath even said, that over one sinner that repenteth there is joy in heaven. As our Lord Jesus Christ hath given unto thee these precious promises, which promises He will most surely keep and perform, so must thou likewise promise, that thou wilt renounce for ever the sins of which thou art now ashamed, wherein there is death, and that thou wilt earnestly endeavour to walk before God in this family in the ways of a true repentance.

I therefore now ask of thee,

Art thou come hither, desiring to escape from thy sins, and seeking forgiveness and a new life from the God of all mercy ?

Ans. I humbly trust so.

Wilt thou reverently submit thyself to all

who may be placed over thee in this house, and willingly follow their godly admonitions, being obedient to the rules appointed to be observed, without murmuring or disputing ?

Ans. I will endeavour so to do, God being my helper.

Wilt thou strive to live in love and kindness, in patience and gentleness, with thy companions in this house, to be diligent in thy studies, and to be industrious in all the work appointed for thee ?

Ans. I will endeavour so to do, with the help of God.

¶ *Then the Priest standing up shall say,*

THE Almighty God enable Thee to keep this good profession, which thou hast now made before many witnesses ; the Lord direct and strengthen thee day by day, in newness of life ; the Lord increase thee ever more and more in all the gifts of grace, and so keep thee even unto the end, that thou mayest be saved in the last awful day, through the merits and mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom with the Father

and the Holy Ghost, be all glory, honour and thanksgiving, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest deliver to the penitent a Bible, saying,*

Take this Book of God for thy continual study, to be the rule and guide of thy daily life ; remembering, that when thou art called to give an account of all things done in the body, at the judgment-seat of Christ, thou wilt be judged according to the words of this Book.

¶ *Then shall the Priest deliver to the penitent a book of Common Prayer, saying,*

TAKE this Book, to be thy guide and help in drawing near to the throne of grace, in the congregation of the Lord : in hope that living faithfully before Him, thou mayest hereafter be admitted to participate in all the life-giving ordinances and mysteries of the Church of Christ.

¶ *Then shall the penitent stand up.*

¶ *Then shall be sung by the whole congregation
an anthem or hymn, as may be appointed.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest say, and the rest answer
as follows,*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Henceforth world without end.

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

O Lord, save thy servant,
Who putteth her trust in Thee.

Send unto her help from above,
And evermore mightily defend her.

Let the enemy have no advantage over
her,

Nor the wicked approach to hurt her.

Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower,
From the face of her enemy.
O Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O LORD, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, we humbly beseech Thee to incline the heart of this Thy servant, and make her to be stedfast in her present purpose. Help her to walk faithfully in the blessed paths of a true repentance, and so keep her from falling, that she may be able to withstand in the evil day, and abide in Thy fear and love for ever.

Hear us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name; deliver her and be merciful to her sins, for Thy Name's sake.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who wast lifted up on the cross for our sake, we beseech Thee to draw the soul of this woman Thy servant unto Thee; kindle in her the fire of Thy love, that she may run in the way of Thy commandments. Enable her, most merciful

Lord, to overcome those great and dreadful sins, which would for ever separate her from Thy presence, and renew a right spirit within her ; this grace, O Lord, we implore of Thee, by the memory of all that Thou hast done and suffered for her, and in hope of those precious promises which Thou hast declared in Thy holy Word, through Thy own merits, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest one God, world without end.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O GOD, under Whose defence and Providence Thy people dwell in safety, accept we beseech Thee, this our sacrifice of prayer and supplication. Look graciously on this Thy family, that we may abide in peace and gladness under the shadow of Thy wings ; give Thy holy angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways ; set a watch before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips ; turn away our eyes, that they behold not vanity, and open our ears only to the words of truth and love ; let not our heart be inclined to

any evil thing, and order all our steps in Thy word, that walking honestly as in the day, in the path of Thy commandments, we may live to the honour and glory of Thy Name, and may have grace to persevere even to the end, and finally by Thy mercy may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee O Father, and Thee O Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth, one God, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall all rise, the penitent who is to be received, alone remaining on her knees : and the Priest shall then address her in the following words.*

WE now admit thee into this house and family, trusting that thou wilt henceforth give thyself earnestly to the studies and works of a true repentance. Let it be thy continual labour and prayer to arise from the dead, that Christ may give thee light. May the grace of God, Who alone can keep thee from falling back, be thy stay and thy strength for ever. Remember from whence thou art fallen, and walk in all lowliness. Be diligent to follow the holy example, and

the faithful guidance of those who now receive thee into their merciful care, and are set over thee in the Lord. Be obedient, be reverent, be watchful, be sincere. May the words of thy mouth and the meditations of thy heart, be such as God may approve. Strive to learn all the ways of a perfect repentance, and follow Jesus. May the miserable and shameful past be blotted out from thy soul. Look not back at the frightful evil out of which God hath plucked thee, as a brand is plucked out of the burning. Think not of it, lest thou die. Remember Lot's wife, how she stopped and looked back, and the curse of God fell upon her. Let thine eyes and thy thoughts rather be turned forward to all that is pure, and lovely, and of good report.

From this time forth thou wilt be known among us by a new name, and clothed in a new dress, and as thy name and thy outward garments are changed, so may thy whole life and thy inmost heart be changed likewise. Lose not the precious time here given to thee. Time is short, life is uncertain. The night cometh, when no man can work. Remember

the terrible account which thou wilt have to give hereafter, when thou shalt stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, if thou shouldst fall back. To-day is given to us, we know not whether there may be a morrow. Death cometh, and after death the judgment, and after the judgment, either everlasting life, or else everlasting fire. Be sober therefore and vigilant, for our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist, stedfast in the faith.

Give thyself up from henceforth to prayer, to the reading of the word of God, and all the studies of a holy life, which may be appointed for thee; that so gaining strength and power from Him Who alone can keep thee from falling, thou mayest be strong to resist all temptations, and to persevere under all trials, and so continue even unto the end, that, when the Lord cometh, thou mayest be found watching, and prepared for His appearing, and mayest enter in with Him into His glorious kingdom; unto which He vouchsafe to bring us all for His infinite mercy. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Priest rise up and say, the rest joining with him,*

NOW unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all devoutly kneeling, the Priest shall say,*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of those that ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ear to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee : and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest let them depart with this blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

